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- CHANG Chih-chung left Nanking at noon on 29 January for Tihua via Hankow and Lanchow. His purported mission is the signing of a renewal of the trade pact with the USSR.
- 2. The actual agreement will give the Soviets powers in Sinkiang at least as wide as that which they held during SHENG Shih-tsai's regime. The sphere of influence may include Kansu; as well as Chinghai and Ninghsia. The treaty is said to be patterned after an agreement made by SHENG Shih-tsai.
- 3. Since acting president LI Tsung-jen and Premier SUN Fo have approved the treaty, CHANG signs on behalf of the Chinese Government.
- 4. In return for this agreement the USSR is to do one or both of the following:
 - a. Negotiate a settlement of the civil war favorable to the present Kuomintang Government; and/or
 - b. Protect Kucmintang interests in the northwest territory.

The USSR is said to have agreed in principle.

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